DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 4, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20503. Commentors are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Forest Service

TITLE: Financial Information Security Request Form

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0596-0204

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The majority of Forest Service's (FS) financial records are in

databases stored at the National Finance Center (NFC). The Federal Information Security

Reform Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347) and Information Technology Management Reform Act of

1996 (Pub. L. 104-106) authorize the Forest Service to obtain information necessary for

contracted employees to access and maintain these records.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The Forest Service uses a paper and electronic

version of its form FS-6500-214 to gather name, work email, work telephone number, job title

etc. for a specific contracted employee to apply to NFC for access. Prior to filling out the firm,

contractors must first complete specific training before a user may request access to certain

financial systems. NFC grants access to users only at the request of Client Security Officers.

The unit's Client Security Officer is responsible for management of access to computers and

coordinates all requests for NFC. The information collected is shared with those managing or

overseeing the financial systems used by the FS, this includes auditors.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Contracted Employees

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 415

FREQUENCY OF REPONSES: Reporting: Yearly

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 1,132

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